

REMARKS


Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of former claim 4, and as a result, claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons set forth in the Office Action. Because independent claim 1 is allowable, applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2 and 3 are also allowable.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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